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Case 3:07-cv-05634-CRB

The United District Court for the Northern District of California, San Francisco Division, presents its compliments to the Appropriate Judicial Authority of New Zealand, and requests international assistance to effect service of process to be used in a Civil proceeding before this court in the above captioned matter.

I. REQUEST

This court requests the assistance described herein as necessary in the interests of justice. The assistance requested is that the Appropriate Judicial Authority of Malaysia effect Service of Process of: (1) Class Action Complaint Wortman, et al. v. Air New Zealand, et al.; (2) Civil Cover Sheet; (3) Summons in a Civil Case; (4) Notice of Assignment of Case to a United States Magistrate Judge for Trial; (5) Order Setting Initial Case Management Conference and ADR deadlines; (6) ECF Registration Information Handout; (7) Standing Order re Case Management Conference; (7) ADR Dispute Resolution Process; and (8) Order Granting Administrative Motion to Relate Cases, on the below named entity:

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AIR NEW ZEALAND Quay Tower 29 Customs St. West Aukland, 1020 New Zealand

The Appropriate Judicial Authority of New Zealand is respectfully requested to:

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- service upon legal representatives of AIR NEW ZEALAND at the above address or in a manner prescribed for the service of such documents under the laws of New Zealand; and

(1) Serve the above mentioned documents, and the translations thereof, by personal

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(2) Return through diplomatic channels to this Court the proof of service along with a copy of the documents which were served.

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II. **FACTS OF THE CASE**

On November 6, 2007, Plaintiffs, individually and on behalf of the class described below, 26 27 filed the enclosed Class Action Complaint against Defendants for damages under the antitrust

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laws of the United States. Plaintiffs allege that Defendants conspired to fix, raise, maintain, and stabilize the prices for long haul passenger transpacific flights to and from the United States, and for fixed fuel surcharges on this transportation, during the class period 2004 to August 2007. Plaintiffs bring this action to recover damages, including treble damages, injunctive relief, costs of suit, and reasonable attorneys' fees caused by Defendants' violations of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1. AIR NEW ZEALAND is among the Defendants alleged to have participated in this price-fixing conspiracy.

III. RECIPROCITY

The United States District Court for the Northern District of California, San Francisco Division, expresses its willingness to provide similar assistance to the Appropriate Judicial Authority of New Zealand.

IV. REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS

The United States District Court for the Northern District of California, San Francisco Division, order Plaintiffs to reimburse the Appropriate Judicial Authority of New Zealand and/or the U.S. Department of State for costs incurred in executing this Letter Rogatory. Plaintiffs shall reimburse the Appropriate Judicial Authority of New Zealand and/or the U.S. Department of State for any expenses incurred in connection with the execution of this Letter Rogatory. Please contact Plaintiffs' counsel before exceeding the amount of US \$1,500. Plaintiffs' counsel is: Steven N. Williams, Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy, 840 Malcolm Road, Suite 200, Burlingame, California 94010, United States of America; phone (650) 697-6000; fax (650) 697-0577; e-mail: swilliams@cpmlegal.com.

In acknowledgment of the additional time which is needed to prepare and file an Answer to the attached documents, the time period for answering is extended to forty-five (45) days after service.

The Court extends to the judicial authorities of New Zealand assurances of its highest consideration.

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